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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
11 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
12 AT SEATTLE

13 BRENDAM. JOHNSON,

14 Plaintiff,

Case No. C20-6058 RAJ

15 v.
16 COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL
17 SECURITY,

Defendant.

**ORDER STAYING
PROCEEDINGS PENDING
DISPOSITION OF APPEAL**

18 Plaintiff filed an appeal to the Ninth Circuit challenging several orders of this
19 Court, none of which was a final order. Dkt. 41. Although the filing of an interlocutory
20 appeal does not automatically stay proceedings in the district court, the district court has
21 broad discretion to decide whether a stay is appropriate to “promote economy of time and
22 effort for itself, for counsel, and for litigants.” *Filtrol Corp. v. Kelleher*, 467 F.2d 242,
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1 244 (9th Cir. 1972) (quotations and citations omitted); *see also Nken v. Holder*, 556 U.S.
2 418, 433 (2009) (Whether to issue a stay is an exercise of judicial discretion.).

3 The appealed orders include the order transferring this case to the undersigned.

4 *See Dkt. 41 at 1, Dkt. 37.* Because a reversal on appeal might affect the validity of
5 proceedings conducted before the appeal process concluded, the Court concludes
6 economy of time and effort for itself and the parties would be not be served by
7 conducting further proceedings at this time.

8 Accordingly, the Court **STAYS** all proceedings in this case, pending disposition of
9 Plaintiff's appeal to the Ninth Circuit.

10 DATED this 21st day of September, 2021.

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The Honorable Richard A. Jones
United States District Judge